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Dr Bro Phelps,

The Ex. Com. have determined on publishing a weekly newspaper, in addition to the present publications. As Mr Wright has as much as he can attend to in editing the Record, & Quarterly, & conducting the correspondence, we must look out for another editor. The Com. on Publications wish me to write to you & others respecting a suitable person

Mr Carpenter, of Ohio, who edits the Constitutionalist, & who wrote "Reasons why abolitionists ought to be hung", has been mentioned to us. Also Rev Geo Allen of Shrewsbury of Mass. Mr Ludlow says the latter is first rate. Mr Headley, late of Worcester, speaks well of him I am told. Can you get any information about him? Do you know of a man well adapted to the situation? It is important that we get the right man. The person should be a sound abolitionist, a good scholar, a man of good health, industrious, good tempered, prudent, discreet, & with al a tact for making a paper interesting. Besides he should have much moral courage.

We should prefer you to any other person were it not so important that you should remain in the field as a Lecturer. Do not make any engagement at Boston or elsewhere without giving us the opportunity of placing you here in case you can give up your agency.

Will it be best to invite Dr Hawes

to make one of the anniversary speeches! How much of an abolitionist is he?

The Com. of arrangements are going to work immediately. Send us any hints you can. We ought to have a good anniversary.

Yours most truly

Lewis Tappan

Dear Brother Phelps,

Your letters are rec'd. I shall take the liberty to reserve your Whitfieldiana for the miscellaneous department of the Quarterly. The plan for pumping out the conspiracy between Connecticut & Georgia is a happy one. I shall see that the blank forms are properly & expeditiously printed. Please name to me in your next the best authorities you have ever met with on St. Domingo. I am collecting facts. Br. Stanton is here. We shall meet to-morrow and arrange matters about the campaign.

Truly your brother

E. Wright Jr.

Feb. 23.